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COUNTRY Eastern Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from the Letzling Heath Troop

25X1

Training Grounds

EVALUATION

25X1

PLACE OBTAINED

25X1

DATE OF CONTENT

25X1

DATE OBTAINED

DATE PREPARED 12 September 1952

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

25X1

REMARKS

1. On 6 August 1952, the barracks installation on the western exit of Hillersleben on the southern border of the Letzling Heath troop training grounds (W 53/Y 51) quartered only a few officers and EM who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. No training activity was noticed. About 20 trucks were parked in the western section. The four-mast radio station was about 70 meters from the radar set with ears and both were in the middle of the south side of the barracks installation. Five permanent garages, each about 50 meters long, were under construction in the northeastern section of the billeting area.
2. On 6 August, there was almost no activity in the barracks installation on the northeastern exit of Hillersleben. Only some officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed. Truck entered the installation.
3. On 6 August, determined that numerous new barracks had been erected in the camp in the woods south of Huetten. At least 100 motor vehicles were parked there and about 60 tanks were in open sheds. Officers and EM observed in Huetten wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Motor vehicles were in front of the supply depot.
4. On 6 August, a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets stood guard at the large camp in the woods near Born. Twenty-five soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, marched toward the camp in the woods, equipped with rifles and two light machine guns. A large tent camp with motor vehicles and artillery pieces was observed about 2 km north of Born and east of the road. Truck drove to the tent camp. There were no Soviet troops in the village of Letzlin. The firing from heavy and light artillery pieces and individual shots fired in intervals of 5 to 10 minutes were heard from the troop training grounds throughout the day. No troop exercises were noticed.

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troops with red-bordered black armbands and including [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] practiced in the area between 25X1
 Jaevenitz and the road barrier near Zienau. Motor vehicles seen 25X1
 in traffic from and to Camp Jaevenitz were numbered [redacted],

11. Residents from Zichtau and Mieste northwest of Gardelegen stated that, in the middle of July, a unit with 160-mm mortars and 47-mm AT guns practiced in the Hellbergen (hills) and, subsequently departed toward Letzlingen. (7)

[redacted] Comment.

- (1) The information that the two barracks installations in Hillersleben, on 6 August quartered only rear details of the 19th Gds Mecz Div 25X1 and the information that most of the motor vehicles seen in the area of Camp Born belong to the Third Shock Army lead to the conclusion that the 19th Gds Mecz Div and headquarters units of the Third Shock Army, including also the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt from Burg, were 25X1 assembled in Camp Born for practices in that area during the period of observation. That, in addition to vehicles of the Third Shock Army, vehicles of the 7th Gds Tank Div or [redacted] of the Third Gds Mecz Army were also noticed on the Born-Neuhaldensleben road is interpreted to mean that the 7th Gds Tank Div is quartered in Camp Planken. The camp can only be reached via the Born-Neuhaldensleben road. [redacted] did not observe vehicles of other armies of the GDFG in this area it can therefore be assumed that, at the beginning of August, no tank details were at the Letzlingen Heath for firing practice.
- (2) According to a report from Wolmirstedt, tanks were also unloaded there during the night of 10 August. [redacted] 25X1
- (3) Most of the motor vehicles reported in paragraphs 6 and 7 which were seen on the road to the north from Wolmirstedt via Colbitz belong to the 10th Gds Tank Div and to [redacted] of the Fourth Gds Mecz 25X1 Army. The division is thus confirmed as still being in Camp Dolle until the end of July. Motor vehicle [redacted] belongs to the Third 25X1 Shock Army, and [redacted] to the army headquarters.
- (4) [redacted] the rocket launchers probably belong to the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps in Stendal-Berstel.
- (5) [redacted] reported that the Staats Kaserne was still occupied at the end of June by the 16th Gds Tank Regt and by the 594th Itz Rifle Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div in mid-July 1952. See
- [redacted] The transfer of the tank regiment to Thuringia is doubted.
- (6) At the beginning of July, [redacted] similar observations regarding 25X1 the occupation of Camp Jaevenitz. [redacted] All 25X1 motor vehicles observed in traffic to this camp belong to [redacted]
- [redacted] the Third Shock Army, probably to the 207th Itz Rifle Div.
- (7) No other [redacted] that exercises were conducted in the area northwest of Gardelegen.

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